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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The image communication apparatus of the present invention compares the capacity of data received from a communication line with the capacity of existing memory of the image communication apparatus and determines the presence or absence of any expanded memory in the image communication apparatus when the capacity of the received data exceeds the capacity of the existing memory. Then, when the expanded memory is present, the image communication apparatus compares the capacity of the expanded memory with the capacity of the received data and stores the received data in the expanded memory when the capacity of the expanded memory when the capacity of the expanded memory exceeds the capacity of the received data.